

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 4, 6 and 17 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the drawings because Fig. 1 should be designated as "Prior Art" as only that which is old is illustrated. In response, Fig. 1 has been amended to include this legend. Additionally, formal drawings are submitted for Figs. 1-3. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

The Examiner objects to the claims because of certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner objects to claims 11-20, 22 and 23 because the claims incorrectly depend on claim 9, and should depend on independent claim 10. In response, claims 11-16, 18-20, 22 and 23 have been amended to depend on claim 10. Claim 17 has been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 5 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,578,915 to Schneller (hereinafter "Schneller"). Claims 10-16 and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Schneller.

In response, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include the elements of allowable dependent claims 6 and 17, respectively. Accordingly, dependent claims 6 and 17 have been cancelled.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1855 (Ref. No. FDN-2638).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of formal drawings include changes to Fig. 1. These sheets replace the original sheets including Figs. 1, 2 and 3.

Attachment:	Replacement Sheets
	Annotated Sheet Showing Change